

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. An image selecting apparatus for selecting a desired image from among a plurality of images obtained by continuously photographing a subject, comprising:
 - an extractor extracting data of an aimed object from each of said plurality of images;
 - a condition-storing unit storing a predetermined selection condition for a desirable aimed object; and
 - a selecting unit selecting a desired image including a desired aimed object from among said plurality of images, said desired aimed object satisfying said predetermined selection condition stored in said condition-storing unit.
 2. An image selecting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein said extractor extracts said data of said aimed object based on depth information indicating the distance to each part of said subject.
 3. An image selecting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein said extractor extracts said data of said aimed object based on image information included in each of said images.
 4. An image selecting apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein said extractor detects a judgement location from said data of said aimed object based on image information included in each of said images,
 - said selection condition includes a predetermined selection condition related to a desirable judgement location, and
 - said selecting unit selects said desired aimed object including a judgement location satisfying said selection condition related to said desirable judgement location.

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5. An image selecting apparatus as set forth in claim 1,
wherein said extractor extracts data of a plurality of said
aimed objects from each of said plurality of images; and
said selecting unit selects a plurality of said
desired-aimed-objects for each of said plurality of aimed
objects.

6. An image selecting apparatus as set forth in claim 5,
wherein said extractor detects a plurality of judgement
locations from each of said data of said plurality of aimed
objects based on image information included in each of said
images,

said selection condition includes a predetermined
selection condition related to a desirable judgement location,
and

said selecting unit selects said plurality of said desired
aimed objects each including a judgement location satisfying said
selection condition related to said desirable judgement
location.

7. An image selecting apparatus as set forth in claim 5,
wherein said selecting unit further comprises an
image-composite unit compositing said plurality of desired aimed
objects to form a composite image, said composite image including
said plurality of desired aimed objects for each of said plurality
of aimed objects extracted from said plurality of images.

8. A camera comprising:
an input unit forming an image of a subject;
an extractor extracting data of an aimed object from each
of said plurality of images formed by said input unit;
a condition-storing unit storing a predetermined selection
condition for a desirable aimed object; and
a selecting unit selecting a desired image including a

desired aimed object from among said plurality of images, said desired aimed object satisfying said predetermined selection condition stored in said condition-storing unit.

9. A camera as set forth in claim 8,
wherein said input unit includes a parallactic image data input unit inputting parallactic an image photographed from different view points, and
said extractor extracts said data of said aimed object based on depth information indicating the distance to each part of said subject, said depth information being extracted from said parallactic image.

Claim 8

10. A camera as set forth in either of the claims 8 or 9, wherein said selection condition comprises a plurality of selection conditions, and said camera further comprises a condition-setting unit previously selecting at least one of said selection conditions, for selecting said desired image, from among said plurality of selection conditions.

11. A method of selecting a desired image from among a plurality of images obtained by continuously photographing a subject, comprising:

extracting data of an aimed object from each of said plurality of images; and

selecting a desired image including a desired aimed object from among said plurality of images, said desired aimed object satisfying a predetermined selection condition for a desirable aimed object.

12. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein said extracting extracts said data of said aimed object from each of said plurality of images based on depth information indicating the distance to each part of said subject.

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13. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein said extracting extracts said data of said aimed object from each of said plurality of images based on image information included in each of said images.

14. A method as set forth in claim 11,
wherein said extracting includes detecting a judgement location from said data of said aimed object,
said selection condition includes a predetermined selection condition related to a desirable judgement location,
and
said selecting selects said desired aimed object including a judgement location satisfying said selection condition related to said desirable judgement location.

15. A method as set forth in claim 11,
wherein said extracting extracts data of a plurality of said aimed objects from each of said plurality of images; and
said selecting selects a plurality of said desired aimed objects for each of said plurality of aimed objects.

16. A method as set forth in claim 15,
wherein said extracting includes detecting a plurality of judgement locations from each of said data of said plurality of aimed objects,
said selection condition includes a predetermined selection condition related to a desirable judgement location,
and
said selecting selects said plurality of said desired aimed objects each including a judgement location satisfying said selection condition related to said desirable judgement location.

17. A recording medium storing therein a program executed by a computer to perform a method of selecting a desired image from among a plurality of images obtained by continuously photographing a subject, comprising:

extracting data of an aimed object from each of said plurality of images; and

selecting a desired image including a desired aimed object from among said plurality of images, said desired aimed object satisfying a predetermined selection condition for a desirable aimed object.

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